

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2271

Introduced by Assembly Member Parra

February 19, 2004

An act to amend Section 219 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to jury selection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2271, as introduced, Parra. Jury selection: peace officers.

Existing law requires the jury commissioner to randomly select jurors for jury panels to be sent to courtrooms for voir dire. Under existing law, certain types of peace officers, as specified, may not be selected for voir dire in civil or criminal matters.

This bill would prohibit additional categories of peace officers, such as parole officers of the Department of Corrections or the Department of the Youth Authority, probation officers, deputy probation officers, and others, from being selected for voir dire in civil or criminal matters.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 219 of the Code of Civil Procedure is
2 amended to read:

3 219. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the jury
4 commissioner shall randomly select jurors for jury panels to be
5 sent to courtrooms for voir dire.

6 (b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), ~~no~~ a peace officer, as
7 defined in Section 830.1, subdivision (a) of Section 830.2, ~~and~~

1 subdivision (a) of Section 830.33, *or Section 830.5* of the Penal
2 Code, ~~shall~~ *may not* be selected for voir dire in civil or criminal
3 matters.

4 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), ~~no~~ a peace officer, as
5 defined in ~~subdivisions~~ *subdivision (b) and or (c)* of Section 830.2
6 of the Penal Code, ~~shall~~ *may not* be selected for voir dire in
7 criminal matters.

